Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer (*Shencottah*) represented that at present the pay of Sirkar Devaswom employés was disproportionately low and hence corruption was inevitable in the management of most of them. He prayed that if a trustee could be appointed for each of the important Devaswoms under Government management and if his continuation in office could be made to depend upon the good will of a committee of respectable neighbouring residents, also appointed by the Sirkar, such an arrangement would go a long way towards the removal of the evil now complained of.

Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (*Shencottah*) also spoke in support.

Reply.—In regard to the supervision of Devaswoms, all that is possible is being done and will be done hereafter. As for the committee, the suggestion will be considered along with the scheme for revision of the padivus in temples and for fixing the charges for purificatory ceremonies referred to in my address.

181. Desirability of not making any innovations in the management of Devaswoms by giving them over to santikars.

Mr. Aiyappan Pillai (*Vaikam*) who was to have spoken on this subject was not present in the Assembly.

Reply.—There is no such proposal under consideration.

182. Lending out of Devaswom funds on interest.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan (*Pattanapuram*) suggested that the wealth of temples might be taken out and utilized for purposes which would fetch a profit to Government and that the revenue thereby obtained might be spent for the repair of temples.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (*Shertallay*) spoke on the desirability of empowering Division Peishkars to lend out Devaswom funds at low interest.

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai (*Ettumanur*) requested that Devaswom funds might be shown separately in the accounts and all surplus Devaswom revenue given out on loan to agriculturists at low interest.

Reply.—If by wealth of temples is meant any immovable property attaching to them, this cannot be alienated for obvious reasons. If, on the other hand, the representation is made about temple jewels,

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